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In the probate court yesterday B. F. Allen was appointed guardian of Greta Karvonen and H. Jalmer Karvonen.

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Fire on the roof of the residence of Emil Macklin, an east end resident, yesterday morning did about \$100 worth of damage. Owing to the location of the building the fire was difficult to

get at, else there would have been but little loss.

The young ladies of Warrenton will give a leap year party Saturday evening. The affair promises to be most successful, as much interest is being taken in it.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will hold a membership social in the hall on Bond street this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. All members of the Union are invited to be present.

The funeral of the late Charles James took place yesterday afternoon from Pohl's undertaking parlors. The interment was in Greenwood and the services were conducted under the auspices of Astoria Aerie of Eagles.

An examination of applicants for state and county teachers' certificates is now under way. The examining board is made up of Professor Lyman, Mrs. Gearhart and A. L. Clark. There are 11 applicants for county certificates and two for state certificates.

The examination will be finished Saturday.

The committee on arrangements for the masquerade ball to be given by the Sons of Hermann tonight, has engaged a professional costumer from Portland, who has now a fine exhibition of costumes at the Occident hotel building.

The annual dance of the Sons of Hermann takes place tonight at Poard & Stokes' hall. Extensive preparations have been made and the attendance will doubtless be fully up to that of former balls given by this organization.

County Judge Trenchard and Commissioners Young and Clark will leave tomorrow night for Portland, where they are to confer with Architect Lazarus regarding the new court house plans. If the plans prepared by the architect should prove satisfactory they will be approved, and if not other plans will be selected.

If you believe in patronizing home industry, place your city directory order with an Astorian solicitor. The Astorian directory will not only be a local product, but will be more complete than any other work of the kind ever attempted here in the past, or now under way. It will be an indispensable gazetteer of information—an almanac and directory combined.

The Push Club met last evening in the council chamber of the city hall, but as the standing committees have hardly got into working order yet, there was little business transacted. A number of communications from parties out of the city seeking for information relative to this section were read by the secretary, who was instructed to supply the desired data. Routine matters were gone through with and the club adjourned.

A north shore logger, very much under the influence of strong drink, started down Seventh street last night about 7 o'clock, his intention being to walk to his Washington camp. A few minutes later he was clinging to a slippery pile and calling loudly for help. His cries were heard by officer Lindale, who at once put to his assistance in a fish boat. The logger was rescued without difficulty, and being convinced by that time that Seventh street does not stretch across the Columbia, allowed himself to be housed by his rescuers for the rest of the night.

Andrew Sepp is causing to be erected a three-story structure near the Hume mill, that will be run as a hotel. The first and second floors are already occupied, and the carpenters are busily engaged in putting on the finishing touches of the balance of the building. The hotel will be situated nicely, an elegant view of the river being obtained from the front of the building. While the proprietor will be in a position to entertain transients, his especial patronage is expected to be from the employees of the neighboring mill.

Sloop, Jeffers & Co., milkmen, yesterday lost a horse and 300 gallons of milk on the Eighth street hill. The accident occurred about 5 o'clock, while a milk wagon was being driven into the city from the Lewis and Clark district. As the wagon was being driven down the steep hill a yoke band broke. The horses became frightened and ran away. The wagon tongue struck the street, toppling over the wagon, and in the smash-up one of the horses suffered a broken leg. The entire load of milk, 300 gallons, was spilt on the street. The horse was so badly injured that it was found necessary to shoot him.

A number of citizens attended the meeting last evening in the Chamber of Commerce hall, and listened to S. H. Patterson, an oil and gas expert of Seattle, tell of the advantages to be derived from the development of the oil regions of Deep river. Mr. Patterson has been interested for some time in the scheme, and to those in the city who understand the situation, the idea seems to be a feasible one. Gas has been discovered there in good quantities, one of the residents using the natural product in his home. Mr. Patterson will be in the city for some days, and will endeavor in that time to interest capital in his plan, his intention being ultimately to organize a company for the purpose of working the district.

As yet there has been no activity at the forts at the mouth of the river, but it is expected some preparation will shortly be made to cope with any situation that might arise as a result of the complications in the far east. Indeed, it was said yesterday orders were expected within a few days. There is, of course, a bare possibility that the United States may become involved before the Japanese-Russian difficulty is settled, and for this reason all American forts will probably be put in shape

to resist any attack that might be made. The forts at the mouth of the Columbia are among the best in the country, Stevens being equipped with disappearing guns of large caliber. In times of peace our forts are not in real fighting trim, so active preparations for service is expected ere long.

At yesterday's session of the county court the list of judges and clerks of election was carefully gone over and revised. There were but two changes in the city precincts. J. H. Hansen had been named as a judge in precinct No. 4, and it was found that he lived in No. 5. Captain J. C. Campbell, who had been appointed one of the judges for No. 3 precinct, asked that his name be removed from the list, and that of Mr. Hansen was substituted. Arthur Leberman was selected to fill the vacancy in No. 4. The time of the court was largely occupied with road matters, the bonds of the following supervisors being approved: A. J. Hill, of district No. 3; Fred Watson, of No. 7, and Henry Hill, of No. 14. The bonds were each in the sum of \$300. Several annual reports were received, and the court established a road district at New Astoria. W. McKean was appointed road master of this new district. The court adjourned without date, as another session may be held this month.

The Oregon supreme court has handed down a decision to the effect that a man who enters a train locomotive does not thereby become a passenger, even though the engineer directs him to do so. He is guilty of negligence and can not recover damages if injured. The opinion is as follows: "The plaintiff, having voluntarily entered a car on the train of the defendant which was obviously not intended for the carriage of passengers, and which he must have known and did know was designated exclusively for the employees of the railway company, was not, in our opinion, a passenger, and is not entitled to recover for that reason. But, if we are mistaken, and under any possible view he is regarded as a passenger at the time of the accident, he was guilty of such contributory negligence, as a matter of law, in riding in the engine as would bar a recovery.

The engineer had no authority to bind the company by accepting him as a passenger on the engine. If the plaintiff had got on the engine by the command or direction of the conductor, a different question would be presented."

News of the Japanese victory off Port Arthur was received in Astoria yesterday with expressions of delight on the part of most of the people. Local sympathy is in the main with the Japanese, for several reasons. The average American sympathizes with the weaker combatant almost invariably. The Russians are despised on account of the Jewish massacres recently occurring and because of the Siberian horrors that have so long characterized Russian punishment. There is an element that stoutly upholds the course of Russia. This element feels that the Japanese are still heathens and deplores what looks like certain victory of heathens over civilized people. There are enough of the pro-Russian agitators to furnish plenty of argument and the war is daily fought out in the resorts around town. Russia has always been oppressive towards the Finnish people, and the large Fin population here is joyously receiving the news of the Japanese victories. There are about 350 or 400 Japs in Astoria and all are intensely interested in the war. The better educated Japs post themselves thoroughly and then spread the news in the Jap colony. About 15 Japs have left Astoria for their native land since the outbreak of hostilities to take part in the war.

"Nell Gwynne," the play at the opera house last night, is worthy of more than passing mention; the version presented is in every way an improvement on the old one. It is dramatic, has action, and real humor and it interests and amuses without straining for effect or descending to buffoonery. The work of Clara Mathes was thoroughly artistic and pleasing and in many respects the best performance she has given in the city. Frequent and hearty applause gave evidence that the audience appreciated the entertainment. Messrs. Lawrence Roberts and Sawyer had the brunt of the serious work and did it even better than usual, which is saying a good deal. The costumes were very pretty and the production altogether would be a pleasing one at \$1.50 prices. It is safe to say that if "Nell Gwynne" was repeated that the house would be crowded. "A Race for Congress" is the bill tonight. It is spoken of as full of laughable comedy and has a very pretty story. There will be a larger number of specialties than usual and the list contains some of the best. There are only three more performances, and there will be no other dramatic entertainment for some time, so there should be a series of crowded houses at the popular prices the company charges.

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As has heretofore been announced, the Astorian Publishing Company is preparing to issue a business, commercial and statistical directory of Astoria, Clatsop county, and the tributary towns on the Washington side of the Columbia.

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